

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 75

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 139

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 75, Alquist. Girl Scouts.

This measure would commend the Girl Scouts for 94 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of confidence, courage, and character.

WHEREAS, Sunday, March 12, 2006, marks the 94th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts with just 18 girls and a dream in which she envisioned “something for all the girls,” to enable them to better serve their communities, experience the outdoors, and contribute to national and international social development; and

WHEREAS, Ninety-four years later, her efforts are responsible for creating the largest girl-serving organization in the world with membership surpassing 2.8 million nationally, of which 225,000 are girls in California; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide 236,000 troops provide opportunities for girls between 5 and 17 years of age to discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together, as Daisy Girl Scouts, Brownie Girl Scouts, Junior Girl Scouts, Cadette Girl Scouts, and Senior Scouts; and

WHEREAS, During the 1960s, the Girl Scouts began programs and projects focused on overcoming prejudice and building relationships with those of all ages, religions, classes, and races; and

WHEREAS, That same social consciousness continues today as the Girl Scouts promote the ideals of acceptance, understanding, cultural awareness, and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, The Girl Scouts is an organization with a proud history of inclusion and acceptance, and has historically promoted diversity in its membership by accepting all girls and women, regardless of their race, religion, sexual orientation, economic background, national origin, disability, or medical condition; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their focus on the world around them, the Girl Scouts strive to develop each girl's potential through skill building, technological awareness, self-esteem and image promotion, and countless other opportunities that motivate and empower girls to grow and become leaders in their own right; and

WHEREAS, Because of this focus, Girl Scouts will lead businesses and communities, take active roles in mathematics, science, technology, and the arts, and are striving to fulfill our country's economic needs; and

WHEREAS, One in four American women has been a Girl Scout and the organization is committed to outreach efforts representing its reputation as the premier voice for girls and an expert on their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Some 50 million women have enjoyed the benefits of the Girl Scout program, as an American tradition, for 94 years; and

WHEREAS, Of the 37 women currently serving in the California Legislature, at least 11 were members of, or leaders in, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, including Assembly Members Chu, Daucher, Karnette, Lieber, Pavley, and Runner, and Senators Alquist, Bowen, Escutia, Migden, and Romero; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature acknowledges with pride the significant role the Girl Scouts has played in mentoring young women throughout California and the nation, as an organization "where girls grow strong"; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature commends the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for 94 years of service and for inspiring millions of girls with the highest ideals of confidence, courage, and character; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature encourages the people of California to participate in activities and celebrations appropriate to this occasion; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.